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US Food & Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
5630 Fishers Lane
Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Docket # 98P-0151/CP 1.

Animals that are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the food chain.

It is impossible to move downed animals humanely. They are mercilessly pushed with tractors or dragged with chains resulting in severe abrasions and broken bones.

There is also the risk of BSE (Mad Cow Disease).

They comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.

They must be humanely euthanized.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nazen Merjian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nazen Merjian
VFA

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